

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Public Work Session  
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**February 18, 2004**

**Presiding:** Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D., President

**Secretary:** William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Margaret F. Bartlett

Ronald K. Butcher

Debra Casha

Maud Dahme

Kathleen A. Dietz

Anne S. Dillman

John A. Griffith

Samuel J. Podietz

Roberta Van Anda

Edward M. Taylor

**ABSENT:**

Orlando Edreira

Thelma Napoleon-Smith

**CONVENING**

President Arnold G. Hyndman convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, February 18, 2004.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Verizon's NJ Reads Program**

Jeff Osowski, Vice-President Education Policy, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, introduced Dennis Bone, President, Verizon-New Jersey to the State Board members and department staff present. Mr. Bone provided information on *New Jersey Reads*, a statewide program that raises awareness of issues related to literacy. *NJ Reads* focuses on recruiting volunteer reading tutors and locating funding from the private sector to support existing and future literacy programs. Many of the state's current literacy service providers and educators have joined Verizon in this initiative.

### **School Operations Discussion Paper**

Michael Rush, assistant to the deputy commissioner, presented a discussion paper for a new chapter of code for School Operations. Dr. Rush discussed the purpose of the new policy on School Operations and the history of the existing N.J.A.C. 6:3 and 6:8. Dr. Rush stated that a committee will consider the guiding questions included in the discussion paper in developing draft code language. Also, public comments will be accepted during the next two months and will be used to develop the new chapter on School Operations. He further stated the department will present a draft of code language for State Board consideration at first discussion level at the May 5, 2004 State Board public meeting.

### **National Education Association Women's Historical Biography**

President Hyndman announced that State Board member Maud Dahme was selected for inclusion in the National Education Association Women's Historical Biography.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Professional Licensure and Standards**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the amendments pertaining to the Licensing regulations proposed at NJAC 6A:9 pursuant to NJS A 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34, 18A:6-38 and 18A:26-10 et seq.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its February 18, 2004 public work session at 2:30 p.m.

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William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner  
Secretary, NJ State Board of Education